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Historic Buck Lake Hotel destroyed by fire

Building has been part of community since 1938

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

When her husband Rick told her the Buck Lake Hotel where they've been operating the Lakeshore Inn for years was on fire, Pauline Erickson thought he was trying to be funny.

But it was no laughing matter when Westlake County Fire Services were called to the historic building for a structure fire on Mar. 23. The fire services huffed the blaze and called in additional assistance from Drayton Valley Brazeau County Fire Services Station No. 2 in Fernie. The efforts of fire crews were unable to save the Buck Lake landmark.

Once she realized her husband wasn't joking, the Ericksons had to make the drive back from Edmonton, where they'd been spending the day with family. After the initial call from a man who had been staying at the hotel Erickson said they started seeing the devastation of the blaze through photos posted on social media.

With news that everyone who had been staying at the hotel was safe, she noted the news posts allowed them to keep up to date on what was happening until they could reach the business they've

operated for several years. Although it has been up for sale, Erickson said seeing the building they have put so much work into destroyed by fire was emotional.

"It was sad to watch the old girl burn," she said.

It was an emotion shared by those who had gathered at the scene to watch fire crews work.

"That building means a lot to people," she said, noting some of those watching were moved to tears.

Dating back to 1938, the building has been part of the community for more than three-quarters of a century and is ingrained in the memories of long-time residents.

"There's lots of stories," said Erickson. "It's just such a landmark."

Last week, in the aftermath of the actual fire, Erickson said they were in the midst of following the process for

the investigation. Although many people had already been asking what their plans are, last week was just too soon to know, she noted.

"We have no idea what the next step is. We're just going through the process."

Once that process is complete Erickson said they would have to evaluate what to do next.

The Ericksons have received many comments of support since the fire and especially concern from residents of the area who knew family members sometimes stayed in a family suite at the hotel. Luckily no one was staying in the family suite at the time and everyone else was able to get out safely, she noted.

Westlake County Director of Emergency Services Mike Zupic did not return calls for comment on the investigation or cause of the fire last week.



Flames engulf the Buck Lake Lakeshore Inn on Mar. 23. Photos courtesy Zack Rangon



Town will continue to be proactive

WARLOCKS from pg. 1

In its website The Warlocks Motorcycle Club identifies itself as a "strong brotherhood of men, as motorcycle riders, and is not for everyone. We are not just weekend riding club we are a brotherhood of bikers that take riding and living our colors very serious."

The Mayor said the Town of Drayton Valley will continue to look at ways to be proactive in combating the incursion of outlaw motorcycle clubs into the area. That's something he said can be aided with rational

discussion and awareness.

"It's fully something we as a community shouldn't shy away from discussing and being aware of," he said. Community members too have a role to play by reporting any suspected criminal activity to RCMP.

"And they should not be fearful," he noted. "Because, as I said, law enforcement is being vigilant."

Tucker said every community in the province is impacted by the effects of gang-related criminal activity, but incidents of violence in Drayton Valley made the area a

focus in the past months.

"This situation was definitely amplified," he noted.

Over the past several weeks the presence of outside law enforcement was visible in the area, culminating in the arrests and seizures on Mar. 31.

"We've made no secret of our presence in the area," he noted.

The accused will now make their way through the court system as they face charges laid by police.

"We're very confident it's a strong case," said Tucker.

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Wednesday, April 23, 2014

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PU-Institutional & Public Use District

Demolition of Quonset

Issued (with conditions) March 24, 2014

DV14-028 55 Pleasantview MHP

RMP-Manufactured Housing Park District

Addition with attached deck

Issued (with conditions) March 18, 2014

APPEAL AGAINST A DECISION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

An appeal may be made to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by any persons claiming to be affected by the aforementioned decisions.

Written submissions stating grounds for appeal plus required fees must be received no later than 14 days after the date of Newspaper Publication.

The Town of Drayton Valley

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Land Use Bylaw discussions continue in County

Brazeau County still in early stages of making changes to Land Use Bylaw

Lesley Allan
Western Review

On Mar. 10, 12, and 25, Brazeau County administration and council gathered in chambers to begin the process of redesigning the Land Use Bylaw (LUB), including the highly controversial Major Home Occupation (MHO).

Rewriting the LUB originally began last year when the previous council started working through the process, but their efforts didn't garner much satisfaction by ratepayers.

During the election race in 2013, the issue of land use was certainly a focus of residents throughout the county and those running made it clear that this was an important issue to tackle.

The Land Use Bylaw was an election issue and everybody that ran knew it was an election issue and knew we needed to move forward to be viewed and perceived as an organization that's open to do business with, that was flexible, and that's open for business," says Brazeau County Reeve Pat Vos.

"We all knew that was really important to people and all of us are committed to moving forward and creating a document that increases flexibility, but reduces land owner conflict, and it's a huge challenge."

Being a new council, starting over with the process was important as it allowed administration to go through the document line by line, and piece by piece to ensure that all council members understood the complexities and the issues.

According to Planning and Development Manager Benjamin Misener, the meetings held throughout March were the perfect opportunity for council and administration to learn about the council, levies of LUB, and Vos agrees adding that it's a learning opportunity for ratepayers as well.

"That's the beauty of having people share the process with us," she says. "Not only is it the opportunity to educate ourselves, but it's an opportunity to educate more of the public. That's why it's nice to have people involved during this process."

Although the county and ratepayers don't always come to an agreement, the cooperation between all attending the meetings does not only allow meetings to run smoothly, but also gives more insight into the topics being discussed.

"The more public involvement the better, since these documents are community documents," shares Misener. "I think people (can) see them and they think it's part of the local government and something they worry about, but no it's not really, it's a document that impacts all of us, whether it's council's who's deciding on the document that the put

forward, administration who has to implement it, or the ratepayers who have to work their way through it in terms of the development that they're proposing. It's a document that if it's broken or it's not meeting the needs of the people, it's really as good as having no document in a lot of cases."

During the meetings council passed various motions that will be presented to ratepayers when public meetings are held starting in May when they will host a session to discuss MHO.

Motions passed will not necessarily be a part of the final document, which will also include the input of ratepayers gathered throughout the process. "The first meeting to tackle the document will likely also be the most challenging, the MHO, but regardless the importance of residents and stakeholders is crucial to progress."

"I'd like everybody that has a vested interest in this to attend. I'd like anybody who's even interested in the land use issues and the development issues with the growth of our community to attend," says Vos of the May 1 meeting, adding that she hopes people will also keep an open mind. "I think it's really important that people try to get as wide and varied perspective as they can so they have the opportunity to educate themselves but also contribute to the process of making the best guidelines for development possible."

Due to the fact that the document does not impact only one portion of ratepayers, Misener says it's importance is pivotal to the success of the community and how it moves forward. Some of the most vocal opponents of the document have made statements that people should be able to do whatever they want on their land, but to this Misener says it would cause more problems than many would realize.

"It's important to have smart development, whether that's a subdivision, a house going up, or a rezoning application. I trust when people (both us) tell me they're going to put up their own trees, or not put their house two feet from a property line, but often times they're people out there that don't consider site impacts when they're creating or establishing new zoning or putting a house, fence or whatever it may be," he says.

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"If you don't plan well it's going to cost taxpayers a fortune in the future when you have to try and deal with servicing requirements and roads, and ensuring that developments are constructed properly," he continues. "If it's not done right from the start you're going to end up with a product at the end where people are going to be furious if it was developed improperly."

According to Misener despite the efforts of council and administration, when it comes to complex issues such as the LUB and planning for the future of the area it isn't something that can just be done by the county as it needs input from those it impacts the most.

"Planning is a community activity, it's not an activity that is the role of just myself as planning and development manager, for a development officer, or even for council who at the end of the day are the ones who approve the final document," says Misener.

"It's really something that we need to reach out and have all stakeholders involved in because the decisions that we're going to make and implement are going to have an immediate impact, a medium range impact and a long term impact on everyone in the community."

Although he's happy that some ratepayers have maintained a constant interest in

the dialogue pertaining to the LUB, he hopes more will take advantage of the opportunity of helping to shape the county as it moves into the future.

"I was happy to see some people out there that were really contributing solid dialogue but I would always love to see more people," he shares. "We've constantly struggled in the short time we've been here with public participation and I can't stress enough to ratepayers that if we don't hear feedback then we don't know what's not working and we don't know what to change, fix, remove or add moving forward."

"It's really good to add as many people to the discussion as possible because we don't always see things from every different perspective," adds Vos. "So it's really nice when you have people who are facing these situations themselves, they're in neighbourhoods with conflicts, or they have their own issues about flexibility. The more heads you have at the table the longer the process takes, but the better information you can gather and the better decisions you can make."

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Upcoming News & Events

• Council meeting will be on April 1st starting at 9:30 am. All Council meetings are held in the Council Chamber and are open to the public.

• Municipal Planning Commission Meeting on April 2nd starting at 10:00 am in the Council Chamber. Contact the Planning & Development Department at 780-542-2667 for further information.

***Dates are subject to change.

• Interactive Career & Education Expo - April 10th at the Drayton Valley MacKenzie Conference Centre. We invite businesses of all sizes and sectors to be a part of this first interactive career and job expo. Local and surrounding area high school students from 9am to 3pm and open to the general public from 3pm to 5pm. For more information, contact Angie at 780-542-7777 or visit our website, www.brazeau.ab.ca.

• Growing into the Future Conference - April 10th at the Drayton Valley MacKenzie Conference Centre from 8:00 am-4 pm. \$20.00 for individuals or \$50.00 for a firm unit or group. To register, contact Lisa or Tara at (780) 542-7777.

• Agricultural Service Board Meeting - April 16th at 10am at the County office

• Business Viability Program - Survey of County businesses in the late spring. Contact the Economic Development department at 780-542-7777 for more details.

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Buck Creek	closed	10:00am - 7:00pm	closed	9:00am - 8:00pm	closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	closed
Rocky Rapids	closed	9:00am - 8:00pm	closed	9:00am - 8:00pm	closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	closed
Cynthia	closed	closed	11:00am - 6:00pm	closed	closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	closed
Brown	closed	10:00am - 7:00pm	closed	9:00am - 8:00pm	closed	9:00am - 5:00pm	closed
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CIP projects get another crack at potential donors

Town and County
to host second
Community
Investment Plan
reception on Apr. 29

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

Building the future of the community, and the facilities residents want to see, is something that requires the efforts of those who live, work and operate businesses here. With a number of significant capital projects in the works, it also requires financial support.

Later this month, potential donors will once again have the opportunity to see some of the projects that would welcome the support as the Town of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County host a reception to show case the Community Investment Plan.

Developed in partnership between the Town of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County, the Community Investment Plan brings five separate projects together in one document. The idea behind the package is to give potential donors a snapshot of some of the projects that have been identified as priorities in the community, allowing them to see a number of their options for donations instead of being approached by individual groups.

"We need to get the information out about these projects," said Annette Driesen, director of community services for the Town of Drayton Valley.

Driesen and Brazeau County Director of Community Services Rick Ennis are the municipal contacts for the Community Investment Plan, although the projects included in the brochure, produced through funding by both municipalities, are being driven by strong community committees.

Included in the Community Investment Plan are the Aquatics Centre, Village of Breton Community Centre, Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre, Agriplex and Early Childhood Development Centre.

After the plan was completed last year an initial reception was hosted for potential donors to introduce them to the plan and the funding opportunities it includes.

"It was very successful," noted Ennis last week.

As a direct result of that reception both the Aquatics Centre and Village of Breton Community

Centre project committees were invited to make more detailed presentations to Lightstream Resources, which has resulted in a commitment of \$300,000 for the proposed Aquatics Centre and \$200,000 for the Breton Community Centre.

"We want to connect in the communities that we operate in to make it a better place for all of us to work, live and play in," Lyndon Muir, area manager of Alberta and B.C. for Lightstream Resources Ltd. told the Western Review earlier this year. "It's that simple."

Last week Driesen said a representative from Lightstream Resources will attend the Apr. 29 reception to talk about the company's decision to support two of the projects in the Community Investment Plan.

Invitations have already been sent out to businesses and industry players and attendees at the reception will have the chance to hear about the projects from those who are working to make them a reality. Some of the projects have seen movement since the September event, while others are still in the early stages, noted Ennis.

At this point the community groups behind them are the main drivers for the proposed projects. Their participation and passion is the catalyst, continued Ennis.

Driesen agrees, noting their presentations at the reception will give those in attendance the information they need to consider supporting the projects included in the Community Investment plan.

"That's essential. They are the face of the project," she said.

While the reception is aimed at reaching out to potential donors who may not have attended in September, it's also a chance to update those who were present for the initial event. It also helps to keep the momentum going and serves to keep the community committees excited about the future of the projects they're advocating.

Ennis and Driesen said one of the important aspects of the Community Investment Plan is that all the groups involved are supportive of each other, and see the value to the community in all the projects included in the plan.

Many of the invitations that have been sent out have gone to businesses and industry companies, but Driesen said they don't want to exclude anyone who may be interested in the projects and how they could contribute.

"There might be individuals or families out there who have made Drayton Valley their home and may not have a business any

more, but may want to leave a legacy," she said.

Those who may not have received an invitation but would still like to

attend can contact either Driesen at 780-514-2200, or Ennis at 780-542-7777. Those planning to attend are also asked to RSVP.

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THE GREAT WHITE DEBATE



Some say this late winter weather is normal for Alberta, while others disagree. No matter what, many stand firm on the concept that it's time for that powdery white stuff to go away. This past week, the Drayton Valley area saw a snowfall warning and a full day of the white stuff falling, confirming that although the calendar says it's spring Mother Nature has a very different idea.

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our editorial

One year later Warming Hearts about more than soup

A year ago Kelly Forster and Amanda Evans did something that many of us can only aspire to. They stepped talking about an issue and dove in to do something about it.

March 27, 2013 was the first afternoon for Drayton Valley's Warming Hearts — an organization that dishes up a warm meal once a week for people who may not normally enjoy that lux.

They didn't do it alone. From the beginning the women had the support of a few local restaurants and businesses who believed in what the duo was doing. They had volunteers who were willing to jump on board and the support of the Drayton Valley region, which offered up a location.

In the past 12 months the organization has grown, serving up a Christmas lunch and taking in and distributing donations of other kinds as well. As word got out about the work being done, more donors have come on board and the organization is entering its second year going strong.

Throughout its first year Forster and Evans frequently expressed their gratitude to

donors and supporters on the Drayton Valley's Warming Hearts Facebook page. However, it's important the community also extends its gratitude to them.

The need for the organization is a reminder that for all the prosperity we enjoy in Drayton Valley and Brazeau County there are those who continue to struggle, for whatever reason. One of the things that Warming Hearts has done is let those who come through their doors on Wednesdays know that reason doesn't matter. If you're in need of a warm dinner of soup, it's yours. The weekly lunches remain successful shows that people in this community appreciate that no strings attached kindness. It would be wonderful if this community didn't have a need for Warming Hearts and no one would be happier about that than the organizers. In the meantime it's a perfect example of community spirit. All those involved in opening those doors every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. should be commended for taking steps to make this a better place to live for everyone.

It's my column and I'll cry if I want to



There and Back
Courtney Whalen

complain as much as I wish.

Now back to last week. With my uggie I hulk out barely leashed I trudged out into the blowing snow to take part in my least favourite of activities — sweeping off the car in classic fashion my first swipe with the brush coincided with a blast of wind that proceeded to blow all of the snow directly into my face.

"MIST NOT SMASH SNOW BRUSH REPEATEDLY AGAINST CAR AND/OR HEAD."

Breathing deeply didn't work since every breath also sucked in a bunch of snow.

Thankfully my car is relatively small. However, due to circumstances beyond my control I'm not like many of you out there who brush off just enough to see and then leave the remainder of the snow to blow back onto those unlucky enough to travel behind you. No, I'm cursed to have the

voice of Cpl. Marcia McDermost in my car. Every time I see a sign about the importance of a fully cleared off vehicle, I wasn't thanking her PSA advice last week and if I didn't live in fear that she will see me driving with a less-than-cleaned off car and shake her head at me in disappointment, I would have joined the majority of you in your sleep sweeping.

With my car completely cleared off, with the exception of the strip in the middle of the roof that I'm just too short to reach even with the brush, I finally got in the vehicle.

Of course a quick check in the rearview mirror confirmed what I already suspected to be true. My hair, normally coiffed in a way I like to term "tree-style" was now full of misture, which makes it resemble something akin to a Bello pad, or an incredibly bad down wig. Did I mention this was all prior to 9 a.m.? Anyone who knows me knows full well I don't cope well with anything prior to 10 a.m.

The whole episode set the mood for the day, and as you can probably guess, it involved a lot of harrumphing around and shaking my fist at the sky. Since then, as snow has continued to fall, my rage has deteriorated to despair as now a glance out the window results in a shower of tears instead of a string of curses.

letters to the editor

Residents worried hamlet is going to the dogs

Please help us, our town is going to the dogs! Out here in Lodgepole there are dogs running free and causing problems. Have you ever seen a loaded logging truck slam the brake on and skid down the hill? Not a pretty sight! These dogs are becoming a danger to our community! We have called the dog catchers over and over again. We have called the county police. We have called the Brazeau County office. Does anyone hear us? The dogs are still standing on the road!

Laina Wintland,
Lodgepole

Reader unhappy with recent news

Where does one begin? The Premier of the province has stepped out of the kitchen when the oven got too hot. Our beloved County Council has seen fit to take away our right to plebiscite. That is a slap in the face to all that served in two world wars and various other conflicts around the world. But I guess the writing was

on the wall when so few come out to vote in plebiscites, municipal, provincial, or federal elections. I have said before and I will rant about it again. This is only step one, on the road to a dictatorship. Check out your history. Germany • Hitler, Italy • Mussolini, Cuba • Castro. The list goes on and on. All, as I see it, because of complacency, and "Well my vote won't make a difference" attitude or "I don't trust the government" or "Was there an election? Hummm, I didn't know." Hundreds of hours of advertising on radio, television, newspapers, canvassers. All to spin their web of political promises to try to win your vote. When you could care less. Perhaps you would prefer to be speaking German or Japanese. Kind of like the pilot landing a plane in Germany. He was having trouble understanding the flight cover. The flight controller asked him if he had ever been to Germany before. The pilot replied, "Yes, I have been here before, but it was in 1944, and I didn't land."

Now the Manitoba Criminal Code Review board has said the killer who removed the head from a fellow bus passenger (Vince Li) is to be allowed to travel unperturbed in any mode of transport he chooses. Who knows when "the voices" will tell him to do it again. Somebody wake these people up! The guy who bilked thousands of dollars in a pyramid scheme (Earl Lemm) is able to apply for early release. After serving four years of an 11-year sentence? I guess now that he has finished four years in college, majoring in criminology, he will run for some position in government. Even friends and relatives lost their entire life savings to this guy. Should make a good politician. I hear the town fathers don't like all of us riff raff coming into town and wearing out their streets. They seem to turn a blind eye to all the heavy loads I see going through town whenever I bring my own riff raff dollars to town though. Merchants in town would be pretty hard pressed if all the riff raff dollars were sent elsewhere. Don't ya think? I wonder how much longer they will be Town council instead of city council. Then maybe they will get off the County's back for handouts. Then they could go to provincial and federal governments for them. But remember no matter which government they go to, it's still their money. Well that's how I see it anyway.

Roy Silver,
Carmichael

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Opinion

No make up made up?

If you are on social media, then there's no way you can deny how there are a plethora of "campaigns" to raise awareness for just about every charity, disease, and hardship in existence.

Many fall short on their goal or "purpose," others however spread like wildfire. On the average day my Facebook newsfeed is filled up with two things, friend's baby pregnancy photos, as well as workout shots and statues (the second of which makes no sense to me as I do not care how much my friends can dead lift).

Lately however, something I consider to be refreshing, yet puzzling, has instead been filling the pages of not just Facebook, but all social media, and although it's purpose, point, and origin has been debated as well as criticized, I see no harm.

No make up selfies — have you dared to go home? It has been reported that the trend started after U.S. author Laura Lippman posted a bare faced photo of herself on Twitter in support of actress Kim Novak, who was heavily criticized in regards to her appearance at the Oscars, with some mocking what they deemed to be terrible plastic surgery.

Plastic surgery is not an uncommon thing in our world anymore and sometimes it can be a benefit to those who have been faced with certain tragedies such as fires or brutal attacks. Others however take it too far, and the same can be said for make up, although obviously not as extreme.

I see no issue with wearing makeup as I do myself, it helps to draw attention to some of my favourite features and gives me a little pop of confidence. Having made up I also have no issue going without makeup as I appreciate who I am and the hard work I have done to allow my body to bring out my natural beauty.

Paying homage to this ideal of natural beauty is one way I see this #nomakeupselfie as a benefit. The more we see women embracing their bare faces the more it encourages people to look beyond the overly fake and unrealistic "norm" that has been set by pop culture.

This does not mean that we want makeup to go the way of the dinosaurs, although I believe the highly artificial and chemi-



Lesley's Lessons
Lesley Allan

cally laden kinds should, but we need to find a healthy balance to that women can be the font of go to both with and without makeup.

On the other side of the spectrum, the #nomakeupselfie has also been reported to have started with various cancer foundations including Cancer Research UK.

Not wanting to take the credit for the idea of the selfies the UK-based research foundation clarified that they had not started the campaign but were planning to use its popularity to raise funds. This announcement was made days after the selfies began filtering through social media and just weeks later the organization has raised £8 million, stating that it can now fund 10 new clinical trials.

This is a perfect example as to how a campaign such as the #nomakeupselfie can be done right, however, somewhere in this ideal the true meaning and purpose has been 'lost' when it comes to North America.

Many of the people on my newsfeed just simply take a picture of themselves and do not even mention cancer, where as others do. Only once since this campaign has started have I seen someone on my Facebook actually encourage people to donate to cancer research and in fact take the steps to donate funds toward a cancer foundation they deemed important.

Do we really need to just raise awareness of cancer? Are people forgetting it exists? I think not. When it comes to raising awareness of cancer I believe it should be done in ways such as teaching people how to prevent it, such as cutting toxins from their lives, or ways of early detection.

I had one friend who posted a pictorial on how to do a self breast exam, which will do more to help the average woman today than any research going on to any lab.

Alberta Culture Days funding available for interested groups

Every year, a growing number of Albertans are using the last week-end of September to make culture centre stage.

This year, you too could play a lead role in shining a spotlight on your community's vibrant local culture scene!

To help increase Albertans' access to cultural experiences, the Government of Alberta is providing funding to organizations to host events for Alberta Culture Days 2014, occurring Sept. 26 - 28. The application deadline is April 28.

Up to five applicants will be selected to be Feature Celebration Sites and are eligible to receive a maximum of \$20,000. Additional applicants will be selected to be Host Celebration Sites and are eligible to receive up to \$5,000. A special \$500 grant is also available for up to 10 applicants wishing to host a one-day event. Events must be family-friendly celebrations.



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Diana McQueen
Drayton Valley/Devon MLA

itions highlighting local culture, including not only the arts, but our heritage, history and diversity. In 2013, 67 different groups across the province seized this opportunity.

Whether your organization decides to apply to become an official celebration site or not, participating in Alberta Culture Days is a wonderful opportunity to build partnerships, strengthen community spirit and showcase local talent.

It's also a great way to boost the impact and reach of your organization's existing cultural programming. Last year, 1,455 events showcasing Albertans' culture pride, took place in 94 communities.

Culture matters to our communities and to our province as a whole. It matters in the lives of Albertans today and to the generations to come. Make your connection to culture. Visit the 'Get Involved' section at AlbertaCultureDays.ca for full details on this funding opportunity and other ways your organization can participate in this province-wide celebration.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at 780-542-3355 or email draytonvalley.devon@assembly.ab.ca.

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Opinion

Sleep — how important is it?

It's been a few weeks now since we welcomed home the latest addition to our family — Judah — and it has been such a fun and busy time as we became accustomed to having a baby in the home again. Having a baby is such a wonderful time in your life and brings so many unique opportunities that you treasure.

However, the one thing it also reminds us of, is the importance of sleep.

Like many things in life you only start to value it when you no longer have it and babies tend to wake when they want to regardless of when you went to sleep. To be honest I had forgotten what the world looks like at 5 a.m.

Sleep is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle, both for adults and for growing children. Like eating well and keeping active, sleeping is an essential part to feeling your best and staying mentally well. It affects how you feel, your relationships, your productivity and your quality of life. While you sleep, your brain goes to work, consolidating the day's learning into memory and re-energizing the body.

Lack of sleep has been shown to cause many health and social issues.

According to research, lack of sleep can cause: Depression, pre-mature aging, weight gain and marital problems, to name just a few. In fact sleep deprivation will kill you before starvation. It takes two weeks to starve but only 10 days without sleep can kill you.

In children, lack of sleep can cause behaviours such as hyperactivity, moodiness, lack of focus and impulsivity. Children on average need 10 hours sleep at night and it's crucial that as parents we work hard to think about your sleep, and why not find a good book and head to bed a little earlier and just see how you feel the next day.



cell phones and TVs creeping into our places of sleep. Research has found that having electronic devices such as TVs in a child's bedroom can lead to other health issues such as obesity, heart disease and diabetes, as children with TVs in their room tend to have reduced sleep times and be less active.

My children like many others, enjoy TV, video games and other electronics but what we have found useful is to keep their bedrooms electronic free and instead have encouraged our children to read at night when going to sleep.

As a family of five we have had to work hard at keeping structured bed times and wake up times. This has not only been healthy for our children but has helped to keep our sanity in our marriage as we have quality time together in the evening.

Each family and child is different and needs different amounts of sleep. But what is for certain, is sleep is key to a healthy life and a healthy family. Having a good night's sleep will help you to feel good and enjoy life to the fullest.

This week take some time to think about your sleep, and why not find a good book and head to bed a little earlier and just see how you feel the next day.

— Chris Lens is a Success Mentor and project co-ordinator with Aim for Success. Visit Aim for Success online at www.aimforsuccess.ca.

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Around the water cooler...

We've heard it officially, spring has been cancelled and Canada will be moving to a 12-month winter season!

Haha, Happy April Fools! But seriously, winter seems to be dragging on this year, so what better way to bring some brightness to your day than with a lovely yellow daffodil. On April 3 **Sunrise Village** will be hosting **Daffodil Days Tea** from 2-4 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come up and purchase daffodils with proceeds going to the Canadian Cancer Society. There will also be some delicious lemon pie and tours of the facility available. Head over for a few hours of fun!

We want to take a few lines to extend a very, very big congratulations to **Warning Hearty Soup Kitchen** who are celebrating one year in the community. Over the past year the organizers and many stalwart supporters in the community have extended not just a meal, but a sense of community to those who need it most!

It may be hard to believe it, but the school year is on its downward slope. That means it will soon be time for students to think about graduating from junior high to high school and all the festivities that involves. Once again this year **Aim for Success** is planning its **Formal Wear Affair** where students and their families will be able to shop for formal wear and accessories for \$10 and under. Aim for Success is starting to take donations of formal wear and accessories from the community to fill their store. Proceeds from the sale of the items will go to support **Human Helping Humans**.

If you have formal wear you would like to donate call **Sue Reich** at 780-542-4485 or e-mail sue.reich@aimforsuccess.ca to arrange for drop off or pick up.

This is a great way to help students look great without breaking the bank, so get looking in your closet for those spiffy tops you own and haven't seen the light of day again!

Looking for something to keep little hands occupied this week? Why not head down to the **Omniplex** for April 2 for a cool activity. Crankpots

Ceramic Studio is coming to the **Omniplex** so children and families can try their hand at painting ceramics. There is a fee associated with the activity to cover the cost of materials, but it's definitely sounds like a lot of fun. The activity will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 780-514-2560 for more info.

Spraking of Spring Break children are off from school and if Mother Nature co-operates they will hopefully be able to get outside to enjoy some sunshine. Even that to mind when you're driving around town and watch for youngsters who may not be paying attention to all their traffic safety rules.

We want to end on this news and note! Last week we heard some good news for music lovers in the community! Our friend **Tyler Russell** over at **Big West Country** let us know last week that 92.9 FM has successfully renewed its licence for another seven years! Great news that we'll have our local radio station into the future!

That's it, Dad!

Have a spectacular Spring Break!

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Fire Services briefs

Courtney Whalen
Western ReviewFIRE SERVICES
CALLED TO ASSIST
WITH BLAZE

Members of the Drayton Valley Brazeau County Fire Services from Station No. 2 in Breton were called in to assist firefighters in Buck Lake battling a blaze at the Buck Lake Lakeshore Inn on Mar. 23. The fire destroyed the historic building. For more on that story turn to pg. 2.

The mutual aid call on Mar. 23 was one of five calls for service received by the Drayton Valley Brazeau County Fire Services between Mar. 19-26.

On Mar. 26 the fire services were called to reports of a power pole on fire. Firefighters attended; the power company was contacted and the fire was extinguished.

Around 7:20 a.m. that same day the fire services were called to a motor vehicle collision, however crews were cancelled before they arrived on the scene.

A possible gas leak sent the fire services to a restaurant on 50 St. south on Mar. 21 at

1 p.m. The smell was determined not to be the result of a leak, but coming from a vehicle that had been left running in the parking lot.

A residential fire alarm was dispatched around 1:30 p.m. on Mar. 23, but the fire services were cancelled before arriving after the alarm was confirmed to be false.

STAY SAFE WHERE YOU WORK
A fire prevention and safety plan for the home is something many residents have in place with their families, but Drayton Valley Brazeau County Fire Services Fire Chief Tom Thomson says it's also important to think about fire safety where you work.

Business owners, managers and employees should work to ensure their place of business is adhering to fire code and looking out for the safety of workers and customers.

In the case of a fire or emergency the emergency services need to be able to locate the business quickly. To achieve that Thomson said all businesses should have their address displayed at the front of the building so it's easily visible.

If an emergency does happen employees and customers will need to exit quickly. To make sure that can happen safely and efficiently exit corridors in commercial

buildings need to be clear of obstructions or debris, including boxes. Exit doors mustn't be obstructed must be able to swing freely, meaning they need to be unlocked. Any stairwells in the building must have proper handrails that are properly secured.

The mechanical boiler room in the building can not be used as general storage, as Thomson said it's again the fire code in store materials in a boiler/mechanical room.

To make sure that you're ready in case of an emergency fire alarm systems need to be checked by a certified technician once a year. Fire extinguishers and emergency lighting also needs to be inspected. The onus for having those inspections done falls to the business, which needs to contact a qualified company to come in a perform the inspections.

CAMP EXPANDS
After the success of last year's inaugural Firefighter's

Camp held at Station No. 3 in Drayton Valley the program isn't only returning, it's expanding.

This year the camp will once again run in Drayton Valley, but will also be run out of Station No. 2 in Breton. Fire Chief Tom Thomson said after seeing how popular the camp was in Drayton Valley, members from the Breton station expressed an interest in offering it for children in their area as well.

Any storage areas should be well organized and maintained, with no clutter and garbage should be removed regularly. If your business has hazardous materials on site they should be stored separately and away from garbage and recycling. When it comes to garbage, containers including dumpsters must be kept closed when not in use and have to be situated at least three metres from any combustible building or structure.

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A person has been charged with assault with a weapon after an altercation at a local restaurant on Mar. 19. The incident

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RCMP briefs

Courtney Whalen
Western ReviewNO STUDENTS INJURED
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involved a server at the restaurant being struck with a glass. Police were called and charges were laid.

ALCOHOL INVOLVED
IN COLLISION

Police believe that alcohol was a factor in an incident reported on Mar. 21 where a vehicle struck a hydro pole. When police arrived at the scene the driver was not with the vehicle. Police were able to locate the driver who is now facing a number of driving-related charges. RCMP also believe alcohol was a factor in that collision.

There was some positive news on the impaired driving front last week as local RCMP spoke to numerous motorists during checkpoints set up in the area recently. Cpl. Marco Lou said local

members were "quite pleased with the results" as they completed a lot of checks and no impaired drivers were identified as a result.

THEFTS REPORTED

Items including a fuel card and satellite radio were reported stolen from a vehicle parked at a local motor inn on Mar. 22.

That same day RCMP received a report of a theft from an offsite site on Elk River Road. Items including power gloves and a digital camera were stolen from an office located on the site.

Also on Mar. 22 RCMP had a report of a break and enter to a rural residence in the area of Range Road 80 and Twp. Road 510. A number of tools were stolen in the incident.

ple entered the property in a white Chevy or GMC crew cab pickup truck, access was gained after thieves broke the basement window. A cordless phone and a laptop computer were stole.

At approximately 2 a.m. on Feb. 14 at least two vehicles were rummaged through with unknown items stolen within. The vehicles were parked at residences located in the Maple Crescent Street subdivision of Breton. Vehicles involved were left unlocked with items in plain view for thieves.

Suspects are believed to be a younger female accompanied by a male.

Please lock your vehicles and take steps to ensure you don't become a victim of opportunity. Remove anything valuable from your vehicle.

If you know who is responsible for these crimes, please contact your local RCMP Detachment, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or online at TipsSubmit.com. If your tip leads to an arrest you may qualify for a reward. Tips provided by the telephone or the Internet are anonymous and secure.

Shortly after 9 a.m. on February 25 a residence located on Range Road 33 (Greenwood Lake Road) south of Township Road 485 was broken into. At least two peo-

Breton area oil sites hit by thefts

Multiple oil site thefts have been reported to the Breton RCMP recently.

Agnes Wolf Servicing had the locks cut on their site Mar. 25. More than \$20,000 worth of oilfield specialty tools, miscellaneous tools, and some paperwork were stolen, but later recovered in the Drayton Valley area.

A white Chevrolet online medic truck was stolen from a work site on Mar. 26 in the southern Buck Creek/Alder Plains area. The vehicle was quickly located via OnStar located a mile south of Drayton Valley off Highway 620. The vehicle is being held for an identification.

At approximately the same location where the medic truck was stolen, multiple trucks had their windows smashed and items stolen from inside. Tools valued at approximately \$5,000 were reported stolen as well as jerry cans full of fuel.

Mischief and theft were reported on Mar. 26 on an oil site located between Breton and Warburg off Township Road 462. Locks were cut off a building and numerous tools stolen from within.

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Court briefs

Courtney Whalen
Western ReviewSKIPPING HOTEL
STAY LANDS WOMAN
A STAY IN JAIL

Falling to check into a hotel room landed a 31-year-old woman 30 days in jail last week in Drayton Valley Provincial Court.

Last June Melissa Yuke was under court order to live at a place approved of by a probation officer. Starting on June 6 she was to be staying for a short time at a Drayton Valley hotel.

When police called the hotel on June 6 to confirm that she was there, they were informed she had never checked in and had cancelled her reservation.

When the 31-year-old was located she was charged for breaching terms of her probation.

Last week Crown Prosecutor Robert Marr told the court that the local probation officer didn't believe any further terms of probation would be effective for the woman.

Yuke's lawyer told the court that while his client, who is currently serving jail time on other

matters, had been in custody she had completed a number of programs aimed at helping her change her lifestyle and address her addictions issues. She also plans on attending a rehab facility when she's released from custody, he said.

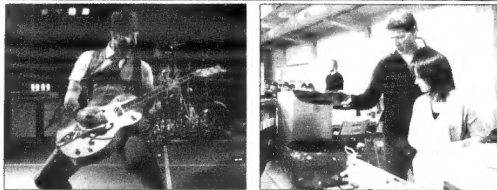
After hearing of Yuke's lengthy previous criminal record the judge agreed to a joint submission by the Crown and defence for 30 days in jail. The judge ordered Yuke to serve the 30 days concurrent (at the same time) to the sentence she's already serving.

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Building homes through a night of fun



Lesley Allan Western Review
It was a full weekend of fun as the 4th annual Hockey Fundraiser for Humans Helping Humans hosted a variety of events for supporters to take part in. On Mar. 29 a night of delicious food, good company, silent auctions, and high energy music courtesy of Punch Drunk Cabaret had people dancing in their seats and on the floor of the Drayton Valley Curling Lounge. Funds raised through the event go to support the local organization in its goal to build homes for local families. For more pictures from the event see pg. 20.



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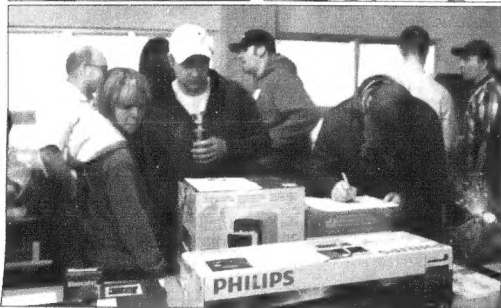
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Province to pay more for highway collisions

Rate increase
will more
accurately
reflect costs

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

A significant portion of calls that come in to the Drayton Valley/Braceau County Fire Services are for motor vehicle collisions. A recent announcement by the province means that local fire services, and the municipalities

that fund them, will be able to recoup more of the costs.

Drayton Valley/Braceau County Fire Services Fire Chief Tom Thomson said when the fire services attend collisions on provincial highways they are able to invoice Alberta Transportation to recover some of the costs associated with the resources used to deal with the collision. Thomson noted that the rates being invoiced to the province were out of date and low considering the actual cost of equipment and manpower. The difference in the cost is then covered through the municipally funded

budget.

At the recent Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties conference held in Edmonton Alberta Transportation Minister Wayne Drysdale announced that fees for emergency vehicles such as pumper trucks and rescue vans will increase from \$400 to \$600 per hour. Other fees will also be adjusted accordingly and the fees will now be adjusted annually.

It was an announcement that was well received by the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA). "It has been about 15 years

since fees were adjusted and they were just not covering actual costs," said association vice president Al Schram in a press release after the announcement.

Changes will also include making the process easier and uniform throughout the province. "We achieved these changes by working closely and co-operatively with Alberta Transportation," noted AFCA Executive Director Bill Purdy, in the release. "They were quick to recognize the problem and were receptive to bringing about a change."

In the area served by the Drayton Valley/Braceau County Fire Services the announcement will apply to Hwy. 22, Hwy. 39, Hwy. 26, Hwy. 616, Hwy. 620, Hwy. 621, Hwy. 624 and Hwy. 759. Collisions that occur on roads within the town of Drayton Valley or on county range roads or township roads are not eligible to apply for reimbursement through Alberta Transportation.

The fire chiefs association represents 450 rural and urban fire chiefs throughout Alberta and approximately 13,500 - 16,000 of who are volunteers.

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Each year we hold a Dinner with a Silent and Live Auction to help fund the operating expenses of the school and also to continue improvement projects. We are currently developing a farm on the school's 15 acre site to grow the food to provide the students two meals a day, and then, the construction of a multi-residence building to accommodate certified teachers when they come to teach in the school. Our Board is comprised of 17 volunteers with no administration costs other than currency exchange; all time and travel expenses are donated.

7th Annual Dinner and Auction
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Century 21 office from Wayne MacKinnon or from Art and Betty Frey 780-542-5782.
Tickets cost \$75.00 per person or \$500.00 table of 6.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this project in the past. We look forward to seeing you again this year on May 24. Father Paul Messiah will be returning from Ghana with lots of stories and pictures to update us on this project.

The school has 212 students attending this year and each year we add a classroom of 22 students. We also have a sponsorship program, individuals and/or companies can sponsor a student for \$400 per year, which covers 2/3 of the cost for that student to attend the school for one year. The Sponsorship Fee is tax deductible. Of course, many students do not have Sponsorships. Pictured are only two of them. If this is something you've thought about, would like information on, or you would like to sponsor a student please call Darlene Broadbent at 780-542-2896.

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We got the year off to a good start back in January when we travelled to Mayan Riviera with this bunch! Kayla Stonehouse, Austin Stonehouse, Dallas Ketchum, Perry Ketchum, Shyanne Ketchum, Danielle L'Hirondelle, Loriane Stonehouse, Ken Stonehouse, and Kaylyn Ketchum all made sure we kicked back and relaxed in the beautiful surroundings. It's hard to believe it's been that long since our trip already!



LINDALE REA MEMBERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND BYLAW AMENDMENT

April 10, 2014

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news

Business Internet speeds to improve in Drayton Valley

► Asia Net Media prepares to launch first step in improving local internet

Lesley Allan
Western Review

In 2013 the Town of Drayton Valley invested in fibre optics cable when they partnered with Asia Net Media to introduce improved internet service in the area.

On May 25, Asia was back in Drayton Valley following the infrastructure work done the year prior, to educate local businesses on the service available and what it could mean.

"A lot of the rural communities compete against Edmonton, Calgary, and bigger centres, that have that competitive advantage when it comes to this type of infrastructure," explains Phil Roberts, VP of sales and services for Asia. "So if you take that infrastructure and put it in the rural communities now you have Edmonton competing against Drayton Valley for that business and not the other way around."

The way Asia plans to help make this heightened competition possible is by offer-

ing high speed internet service that is reliable and guaranteed.

"Fibre is the only [connection] that's an actual scalable technology that can go in the speeds that you see in this presentation," shared Roberts. "50 mb, 100 mb, 1 gb, can only be achieved on fibre, and the other technologies are compromised technologies where they can only provide an 'up to' service and they don't guarantee the speed."

The service we offer on fibre, because it has that capacity, the 25 mb is a fully dedicated 25 mb. It's an actual 25 mb service and what we call symmetrical, which means it's upload and download which allows for all of these applications," he continues.

At the moment Asia will only be providing services to select locations and customers due to limits seen through the infrastructure that has been built up to this point.

"What we're doing in Drayton Valley is we're starting with businesses, so the business park and the business consumer they can have access to the global gateway," said Roberts. "We're going to bring people to the global gateways so they can buy services and we're going to allow or enable businesses to take all of that value and bundle it for the consumer if that's the model they want. So it creates competition."

"The major challenge across the board is access to the poles, the make readies, just the civil engineering side of it," he explained.

"It's the facility's piece, getting the fibre to the individual businesses, that's the hardest and the largest logistical issue. After that you get into the market issues, which is the adoption, making sure there's enough value in the service that you offer."

Understanding how the demand for internet is continually growing, Roberts says although they are only focusing on businesses now, as interest grows and infrastructure improves residential service will follow throughout the years to come.

"The line between business and residential is blurring, so if you're like anybody you work at home just as much as you work at the office," he said. "It's a highly mobile workforce, people work in the field, they go to the

office for a few hours, then they go home and they work in all of those scenarios."

"They work in the trucks, they work in the office, they work at home, so because of that and because the demand for broadband is not just business driven, it's just as much if not more residential driven when you start getting into the consumer applications then we see the opportunity there just as much," continued Roberts. "The business is just a logical place to start because logically we had some infrastructure that made it easy for us to start there and get that demand going, get the businesses connected and then extend into the residential areas across communities."

To learn more about Asia and if their services would work for you visit www.asia.net. Services will be available for connection starting May 15.

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Warming Hearts marks one year anniversary

Organizers saw need and started soup kitchen

Brittney Gaudet
Special to the Western Review

One year ago two local residents turned their dream into reality. Now every Wednesday, Amanda Evans and Kelly Forster are joined by other volunteers who head down to the Drayton Valley branch of the Royal Canadian Legion from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with the sole purpose of providing a comforting bowl of soup to individuals who may not have the means for the basic necessities.

Drayton Valley's Warming Hearts, as the group is dubbed, operates completely on the support of local donations (they do not receive any government funding). In the beginning the two women recruited ongoing donations from the Drayton Valley Bakery, the White Bull and River Rock Grill to keep them in soup and buns each week. Now, a year later they have two major sponsors to mention, said Forster.

The group has also become the recipient of other donations to pass along to those residents who visit them to get a warm meal. They now have access to diapers, pull-ups, toiletries, feminine products, clothing, socks, underwear, work clothes, dress clothes, boots, occasional covers, work boots, coats and warm jackets.

The group also delivers to those who cannot make it to the legion on Wednesdays.

The women got started because they saw a need in the community not being met by exist-



Western Review file photo
Drayton Valley's Warming Hearts co-founder Amanda Evans sets out the soup prior to the weekly soup kitchen's first day on Mar. 27, 2013.

ing organizations and resources. The faces who visit them at the legion each week illustrate the ongoing need for what they're doing. "Sometimes the meal we give them is the only meal they are going to eat that week," said Forster. "We would like to have a supper once a week but we aren't quite there yet," said Forster. "So many people think we don't have problems with money in our town, but you'd be surprised."

The continued support of the Drayton Valley legion has been essential, giving Warming Hearts a place to call home. Last Christmas the legion allowed Warming Hearts to open the doors to host a Christmas lunch.

When we were attended for those looking for a festive meal and some company. The organization has also been raising awareness in the community. Last August a community barbecue held at Rotary Park welcomed approximately 150 people and a similar event is planned for this year.

It's a lot of activity for a volunteer-run organization in its first year. "Our Drayton Valley's Warming Hearts has grown so much in our 1st year we couldn't have done it without you. Our 2nd year looks just as promising," the organization posted on its Facebook page. "We at Warming Hearts are so proud of our community and we thank you."

Find out more about Warming Hearts by searching Drayton Valley's Warming Hearts on Facebook. — With files from Courtney Whalen

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Tigers show well at basketball Provincials

Holy Trinity Sr. Boys' basketball team celebrates successful season

Leahy Allen
Western Review

The season may be over, but the memories are still fresh as members of the senior boys' basketball team from Holy Trinity Academy look back on their season.

With efforts that saw them going into the North Central ASBA 1A Zones with 30 wins and five losses, the Tigers went up against the Grand Trunk Grizzlies, winning the tournament and garnering a spot at Provincials.

"The last game ended up being very tight, we won by one point against Grand Trunk, 74-73. This man right here was the gentleman who ended up winning it for us in the last game there, with 1.1 seconds left on the clock he drained his two free throws to put us from being one point down to being one point up," shares Head Coach Allen Woods, pointing to Grade 12 student Michael Lamer.

"We didn't expect that last game to be so tight, but it was," adds Lamer. "It's all about playing like you have nothing to lose."

When the basketball season first started for the senior boys this was exactly what they did, but injuries put a damper on their spirits for a short time. "Taking a few losses the team luckily bounced back from their slump, going to zones and then on to Provincials where they would be up against the province's best players."

"We started getting injuries and that's why we started to lose our



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Coaching staff and supporters are proud after the Holy Trinity Tigers who capped off a successful season with a 5th place at the 2014 Provincial Basketball Championship.

confidence and started losing more games, and then when we realized how close we were to Provincials and how much every game meant to us when we turned it around," shares Lamer.

"Getting to Provincials, that's an honour in and of itself. It's not easy to get to Provincials and they did that two years in a row and that's pretty remarkable I think," shares Woods.

According to Woods he knew from the start of the season that the Tigers would be able to get far with their roster, but wanting to make sure they played their best he took the chance and got them out to tournaments up against various levels.

"We did have a very strong team this year and I knew from last year that they were going to be, but I just knew we needed to get them some

tougher opponents at the 2A and 3A level so that we could have our flaws exposed," he explains. "Better teams will expose the flaws that you have as a team and I think sometimes we get pretty confident in what we do, sometimes a little over confident, and I think that's ultimately why I wanted to expose them to some higher level competition." Exposing these shortcomings as a

team allowed players and coaching staff to work hard to overcome them with their regular season demonstrating these efforts. Unfortunately when it came to Provincials something affected their game that can't be practiced for — emotions.

"The biggest thing when we went to Provincials was nerves, because we entered Provincials and the first thing we thought was we have to win the first game and we just didn't plan our game," shares Lamer. "At zones we were kind of thinking oh we can win this team and then at Provincials you don't know how good they are."

According to Lamer and Woods these first game nerves cost them the win in this close match up, but it gave them the drive they needed for the rest of the tournament.

"I'm proud of these guys here. I know that that first game was a heart breaker, but they responded very well," says Woods.

Taking away two more wins on the court the Tigers came home with a fifth place finish in a tournament that featured 15 of the province's best teams.

"It was really disappointing to lose that first one, but just the fact that you're at Provincials and you're at such a prestigious event is enough to make it a successful season," says Lamer. "I think we're all really happy with the season."

"We had a very successful season," added Woods. "Unfortunately for these guys that was the end (Grade 12 players) so I think that's what really hurts for them in that, but they should feel a lot of pride, they achieved a lot."

"Last year at Provincials we had a seventh place finish and this year with pretty much the same team they ended up placing fifth overall, so they've improved," he continues proudly.

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Hockey helps to build local community



Lesley Allen Western Review

Hockey was helping build homes Mar. 29-30 as the 4th annual Hockey Fundraiser for Humana Helping Humans Tournament took place at the Omniplex. The highly popular event was a sell out and featured days full of friendly competition and evening of food and music.



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Jr. Cougars net championship



The Drayton Cougars had a sweet taste of victory as they put up a good fight and were able to come up with the big win during the finals for the Tri-County Junior Bays' Championship recently.

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school notebook

BEFORE HIGH SCHOOL
Basketball season has wrapped up. Thank you to all of our players, coaches and many volunteers for a great season! See our photos on the season wrap-up on pg. 2.

We have been noticing an increasing number of students who receive text messages from their parents during class time and who feel that those parental text messages cannot be ignored. We request that you do not text your child during class time. Messages can be left in your son or daughter's locker at lunch between 11:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. after the 3:30 p.m. dismissal bell. By allowing students to check their phones because it is a parent's texting, it makes it confusing and disruptive to those who wish to check messages from friends and others during class.

We would like to be able to have cell phones on hand as a powerful tool of learning, but if the phones become a disruption, we use that ability and we must limit their use. Please help us to encourage students to use their phones at the right time.

There is currently a photo contest open until Apr. 24 for the student (or group) who submits a photo that best captures the essence of what it means to be Proactive. Submit photos to henrichg@draytonvalley.ca any time! Photos do not have to be based on school proactive habits, take a picture of you caring for your pets or preparing for a sport, or planning a trip!

H.W. PICKUP
Blow-dry tub would like to thank the community for supporting the bottle drive on Mar. 22. A very special thank you to all students, staff and especially to Mrs. Schenkel and to Mrs. MacTavoy, for their time before and on the day of the drive.

An enthusiastic group of Grade 9 students left school on Mar. 27 to participate in their annual Grade 9 Ski Trip to Jasper.

Thank you to Mrs. Fedoruk, Mrs. Janischewski, and parent staff members for organizing and/or joining this trip. A final thank you for yet again an energetic March assembly. Mrs. Gorman, Mrs. Lammie, Mrs. Edema and Anne Kie's Huskies enjoyed the morning wine, jam and that followed assembly.

Students are probably already wishing for classes to begin again as on Apr. 7, for a Day 4 timetable!

AURORA
The parent/teacher interviews went very well. If for some reason you cannot attend, the interviews are always available to talk with you by appointment. Many thanks to the PAC for supplying the teachers with supper on those two nights. You support is much appreciated.

The PAC will meet this month on Apr. 8 in the library at 7 p.m. All parents are welcome to attend.

The Medicine River Wildlife organization will be visiting our school on Apr. 11 to share their knowledge about wildlife and the environment.

Mrs. Solomon's Kindergarten classes begin swim lesson right after Spring Break - Monday, Apr. 7 from 10:05 to 10:55 a.m. Remember to send swimsuits and towels!

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ELDORADO
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Apr. 16 - Festival choir entries
Apr. 18 - Good Friday No school
Apr. 21 - Easter Monday No school
Apr. 22 - Earth Day TOMAHAWK

Parents and their children are invited to join us for the Kindergarten Open House. Registration forms are available at the school office and will be accepted at any time. To enter Kindergarten in September, 2014. Please stop by to register your child or contact Scott or Barb for further information.

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'NREY AREA DRUG SOLD IN FORT

Fort Saskatchewan Record

A local store connected to the sale of a synthetic cannabinoid has fallen out of a grey area of Canadian law. River City Cigars, located in Fort Saskatchewan, has been selling "Spirit 420," a "herbal incense" — the brand of which was connected with synthetic cannabinoids in a March 2013 investigation in Medicine Hat.

"Cannabinoids originate from marijuana. These are synthetic cannabinoids that are basically made in a lab," said Bradley Mitchellmore, a clinical assistant professor with the University of Alberta's Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Addressing cannabinoids in general, and not specifically the substance being sold as Spirit 420, Mitchellmore noted synthetics are "way more potent" than what you would see in regular marijuana. There are different numbers thrown around for different strains but they're several times more potent than Delta 9-THC or 11-THC, he said.

He added the synthetic substances usually "act more quickly and don't act as long as regular marijuana, but their toxicities are significantly higher."

River City Cigars owner Nathan Yusup did not confirm whether he currently sells the synthetic drug, instead saying "I've been known to sell them."

A purchase of Spirit 420 was made at the local Westpak Boulevard store by Record staff on Mar. 10.

When asked, "Do you guys still sell that herbal stuff?" — as the substance is commonly referred to as herbal incense — the gel-bottle cash register responded by saying, "Yes, we have Spirit 420." Before entering a black, resealable and unbranded bag containing the substance.

She then noted the cost of the purchase would be \$50, but there would be "tax with debit, which is \$2.50."

The substance was purchased at a cost of \$50.50. "Do I think it's safe? I would say that it isn't. It probably wouldn't have ended up in the past," Yusup said, noting that he has a lab report listing the "compounds" and "makeup" of the synthetic substance.

"I think there are different degrees of safe," he said. "I have been asked many times over the past several years to carry saliva and bath salts, but my answer to those people — who are all of age, by the way — is absolutely not. The reason why is because it's not safe. We hear all the stories about it."

An incident in St. Albert in September 2013, however, saw two teens found separately within a couple of hours of one another — 14 and 16 years old — who ended up in the hospital as a result of using synthetic cannabinoids.

According to Mitchellmore, who said that studies show around 10 per cent of high school seniors have used synthetic cannabinoids — negative health impacts aren't unusual.

"There are risks of abnormal heart rhythms, seizures there are quite a few documented cases of hospitalizations with very severe illness leading to coma with them," he said.

In July 2013, Health Canada released that effects of using synthetic cannabinoids include "headaches, confusion, mood changes, nausea, anxiety, hallucinations, seizures, psychotic episodes and in some cases, death."

"I happen to know what we had in the store didn't contain any [THC-018]," Yusup said, addressing a chemical compound deemed illegal that was prevalent in synthetic cannabinoids.

"They used words like 'similar to' but that's only because the pharmacological effects of it, which you can get from a cup of coffee. It affects everybody differently. If I really get buzzed from this coffee and I really need this to pass my day, well, do we need to

ban coffee because it affected me in a different way than it affected you?"

A March 2013 case, wherein a Medicine Hat retailer faced trafficking charges for selling a product named "Spirit 420" — which police found to be a cannabinoid — was followed by a September 2013 incident involving another Alberta retail outlet.

The Chad 420 Smoke Shop in St. Albert saw a police seizure of synthetic marijuana — sold as "Zap" or "Stinger," according to RCMP — which police noted to be a Schedule II drug under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

However, Cpl. Lauren Keding, media liaison with St. Albert RCMP said synthetic cannabinoids fall under a grey area of enforcement.

"People are trying to produce substances that are not defined, under the Criminal Code," she said.

"They're trying to use different chemical combinations that skirt around the law, if I can put it that way. So therefore, depending on what's being sold, the chemical analysis of it would be the determination of whether charges could be laid or not."

Yusup said he believes Health Canada should not have "banned" (the different synthetic cannabinoids) up into one big ball of wax.

"I have a problem with that," he said. "Last time I checked, this is a free country — last time I checked. We do have a Nazi regime in power that runs this country, and to take into consideration these anti tobacco groups and all this, it's bloody ridiculous."

"Smoking is either legal or it isn't. You can't be half pregnant. You're either pregnant or you're not. So it's either legal or it isn't. But to tell people, 'You can smoke, but you can't smoke that.' You can drink, but you can't drink that," he said.

"We're being told what to say. You've got to be politically correct, you can't say that, 'we're being told what to say.' This is a bad. We're being told what to do with everything, every day.

"If that's not a bunch of Nazis running the country, I don't know what is."

Yusup said that, "with our thoroughly investigating each individual item and compound, and everything that makes up each individual synthetic," it's wrong to group them all together.

Still, according to Staff Sgt. Ron Campbell, communications officer with RCMP "K" Division, many synthetic cannabinoids are sold with a warning label that the substance is not for human consumption.

"Vendors of these products are fully aware of the nature and intent for which the consumer is purchasing these products," he said.

Regardless, Yusup said there are positives to the private industry of synthetic cannabinoids — one he said has become "very popular" for customers.

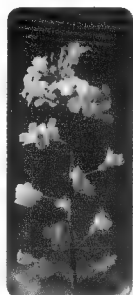
"You tell me how back words I am for wanting to give the public what they don't want to travel into a dark back alley to get," he said.

"Do I think there are positives to the products? Absolutely. I think there are a lot of positives. There are less shady drug deals going down out there on the streets because of what people like me and myself have done. It's just the way it is."

"Am I saying that churches should start doing it? Of course not. I'm not going to sit here and say I'm a saint, but I'm certainly not the devil."

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PIP from pg. 32 HIGH RIVER RESIDENT WINS DREAM HOME IN STARS LOTTERY

High River Times

Imagine waking up to a phone call where you're asked, 'Have you ever won anything this big before?'

It was a life-changing phone call and one that High River resident Bill Rader will never forget as his family recently became a STARS lottery grand prize winner — ultimately walking away with a \$945,000 dream home located in Red Deer.

Rader, who spent \$250 on 10 tickets, watched his purchase pay off huge when he received the phone call from STARS on May 22 that his family had won the Red Deer home worth almost \$1 million.

His family lost everything in their basement after they had five to six feet of sewage in their home during the last June's flood. They were out of their house for some two months during the clean up.

Rader never expected his family's big win and he said he just purchased the tickets to assist an im-

portant organization that helps so many people on a yearly basis.

"Not in a million years," he said. "No, it was just so lucky that for what ever reason, we won it. It's just about helping out STARS. It's an all around good, positive thing to do. It helps a lot of people."

Rader, his wife Tonya Kropf and their son Ethan, 2, faced the media at the STARS Calgary hauler after the win. He said he asked everyone in attendance if he was dreaming.

"Right now, it's still a shock to [my] system that we actually won this," he said. "Everyone keeps telling me that I have and even when we got to the STARS hauler this morning, I kept telling all the people to punch me to make sure I'm still awake in all of this."

When the call originally came in, Rader said he was not told what his family had won and he thought it was one of the early bird prizes — \$100,000 or a BMW and a trip to Las Vegas, Nevada.

"I actually had to stop her and ask, 'Can you please tell me what we've won because we still don't know,'"

Rader said, noting he almost fell out of his chair when the STARS representative told him.

He told the Times that winning the house provided his family a massive helping hand, but that life in High River for his family during the community's rebuild still goes on.

"There's still a whole community out there that needs help," he said in a phone interview. "It doesn't just stop with me."

Rader said it was a bit too soon to say what his plans for the house would be, as he hadn't even had time to sit down with his wife and talk about their plans for the future.

Just as the phone call informing them of their big win was a moment Rader and his family will never forget, he said the day they get the keys for the house would be equally as special.

"It'll be another one of those moments where you better come and pinch me so that I'm not sleeping," he said. "It'll be a good day. It'll be an emotional day too. It's something we can call our own; it'll be amazing."

BEAUMONT MAN LEAVES LASTING IMPACT ON TEAM

Beaumont News

He started as a fan in the stands and ended up as part of the team.

For as long as he can remember, Beaumont resident TJ Knutson, who is developmentally disabled, has loved hockey. His dream job for years has been to volunteer with a hockey club and help them win titles.

Knutson participates in the LeChau LINA program, which teaches adults with mental and physical disabilities life skills to prepare them for independence.

His friend Justin Matheson, who works at LeChau and plays for the Midget AA Braves, decided to invite Knutson to some of his games — an offer he graciously accepted.

Team manager Caroline Jones noticed TJ's enthusiasm and passion for the game and she and Matheson approached local coach Rich Morrissey with the idea of making TJ the team's official helper and water boy.

Morrissey said, "I recognized what something like this would mean for a guy like TJ, so I was 100 per cent for it. Anything to support someone like TJ was worth it."

Knutson started attending all home games and was responsible for filling the water bottles, putting them out on the bench, unloading the dressing room between periods and serving as an overall motivator for the team.

"It was really awesome," Matheson said of seeing his friend at every game.

"He's always in the stands, no matter what," he added. "If we score he cheers."

Knutson started out in September and stuck it out with the team for the entire season. Visiting the team as a helper came at a particular difficult time.

His father passed away in late November, so for him to have something else to focus on, was tremendous," said Knutson's mother. "It helped TJ deal with his loss."

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Knutson said his favourite part of hockey games is when the scruffs take place. He also enjoys interacting with the players and being part of the team.

It's funny talking to the players," he said. "One of the guys almost hit me."

He said when the throws aren't doing so well, he just tells the players, "Better next time!"

If we're having a rough game, he likes everyone's spirit. Matheson said, "After we lost our playoff games, everyone was down in the dressing room."

He came in and brought a bunch of laughter.

Matheson said Knutson's arrival has had a tangible impact on the team.

"They're quite a bit more accepting of everyone," he said. "Even on the team, no one's really singled out any more. For 16 and 17-year-olds to experience this, I think it's a great thing."

Matheson's mother Sharon remembers once when Knutson asked the players to get a goal for him. They ended up getting it!

"One thing I was really impressed with is that these are all 16 and 17-year-old boys who were very accepting," he said. "He was just one of them."

Of course, some small adjustments had to be made, such as the language used in the locker room as Knutson tends to repeat what others say.

"I had to explain to the guys, we have this guy who's never been in a dressing room so sweating a little," Morrissey said. "And they just, they accepted him 100 per cent, right off the bat."

The team did everything they could to help Knutson feel like he was truly a part of the team.

He said, "I might have been a bit out of sync, but I've been adopted by the team," Morrissey said. "I think he's been able to get the best out of himself."

In addition to being an all-around helper, Knutson also serves as an inspiring "guy" frequently pointing out the good in his teammates' play.

"It actually lightens the room," Morrissey said. "He takes some of the pressure off."

Knutson often has trouble expressing himself but it was easy for him to explain why he's committed to the team.

"It's hard work, but when I hand out the bottles they feel good and happy," he said.

He had the opportunity to do it again. Knutson said that he would again without so much as a moment's thought.

CELEBRATING WOMEN IN AVIATION

Edmonton Examiner

First taking to the skies at 12 years old, Natalie Esser a First Officer and soon to be Captain of a Lear Jet 35 air ambulance — still gets excited every time she takes off.

"The best part is seeing new places. It's usually normal for me to be thousands of miles away from my house, and I get to come back home at night," said Esser. "It's kind of crazy that way."

Esser was one of five female aviators invited to speak as part of the Alberta Aviation Museum's celebration of Women of Aviation Worldwide Week, serving as living proof that the sky's the limit when it comes to women interested in taking flight.

While women have been involved in aviation almost as long as humans have been taking to the skies, coming across a fellow female pilot is a rarity.

"It's pretty rare," said Esser. "It's cool whenever I run into other female pilots."

According to statistics posted by the Brampton Flight Centre, women make up only 6% of private pilots in Canada and fewer than 5% of all airline transport pilot licence holders are female.

Female pilots make up less than 4% of all jet-qualified pilots worldwide, with fewer than 500 women flying as captains with major airlines.

Female mechanics are even more rare, making up under 2% of Federal Aviation Administration certified mechanics worldwide.

"A lot of the pilots that you see aren't women," said Victoria Hinderka, a life-long lover of aviation and daughter of Tom Hinderka, executive director of the Alberta Aviation Museum, working towards her private pilot licence. "We want to show off that we're there and encourage others."

After her father first took her flying at three years old, Hinderka threw a fit and refused to get out of the airplane.

"That's how it's been ever since," she said with a smile.

Aviation is in her blood, with three of her four grand parents involved with the Royal Canadian Air Force. Two were pilots, and the third, her grandmother, packed parachutes.

Every time she flies, she feels a swell of pride knowing she's part of the living history of women in aviation.

"Everyone can get that feeling coming to a place like this, hearing other people's stories, seeing the exhibits we have this month on women in aviation," she said.

Almost as long as man has been in the air, women have been involved with aviation — Therese Priber became the first woman to fly in an airplane in 1908 — though often restricted to private planes or support roles.

That being said, Hinderka said women aren't still not fully accepted throughout the aviation community.

Last month, a WestJet passenger upon discovering that the pilot of his flight was Capt. Carey Smith Stacey, a woman, expressed his indignation in a note he left on his seat.

The passenger wrote, "the cockpit of an airline is no place for a woman. A woman being a mother is the most honest not as captain."

The note went on to say, "I wish WJ could tell me if a lady is in the helm and I can book another flight."

"Aviation is still pretty new, it's only been around for a little over a hundred years. Even though there's been women pilots for almost as long, some people still aren't there," said Hinderka.

While this type of blatant gender-based discrimination is rare, so too are female pilots, with Hinderka admitting that the average flight school needs more like a boys club.

"It's kind of like the old boys club in some ways," said Hinderka. "You walk into a flying school and it's all men."

Hinderka believes inspiring young women to consider careers in aviation traditionally outside of regular female roles is key, and introducing them to strong female role models in these industries is a great way to encourage future aviators.

"It's really important for people to find someone that they can identify with and to try new things, and if they like it, to run with it," she said.

For more information and to plan your visit, go to albertaaviationmuseum.com.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Maintenance Services — Buck Lake/Calhoun Bay Provincial Recreation Areas

ALBERTA TOURISM, PARKS AND RECREATION

Alberta Parks is prepared to receive sealed proposals for a Maintenance Service Agreement for Buck Lake/Calhoun Bay Provincial Recreation Areas, Grounds and Facilities.

A site information meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 14:00 at the Alberta Parks Regional Office located at Suite 200, 4920 49th Street, Red Deer AB. It is recommended that interested respondents view the site prior to the information meeting. Attendance at the site information meeting is mandatory. Failure to attend will disqualify your proposal.

Proposals are available for download by visiting the Alberta Purchasing Connection web site at <http://www.albertapurchasingconnection.ca> and referencing RAB-2014-01754.

Completed proposals must be in a clearly marked sealed envelope as per instructions in the proposal package. All proposals must be received prior to 2:00 pm local time on April 3, 2014 at the Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation Regional Office.

The Ministry reserves the right to reject any or all subsequent proposals.

For more information on Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation, please go to the following website: <http://www.albertaparks.ca>. For specific details regarding this opportunity, contact 403-755-1483 or visit the Alberta Purchasing Connection at <http://www.albertapurchasingconnection.ca>.

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Why Canadians should care about Plains Bison

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Until 300 years ago, 30 to 60 million bison, or buffalo, thundered across the Northern Great Plains, grazing freely across the vast expanse of unspoiled grasslands that stretch from South Dakota through Montana up to Saskatchewan and Alberta. These giants, woolly like buffaloes, weighing some 900 kilograms and standing as tall as a grown man, pounded out one of the rarest, most nourishing ecosystems in the world — prairie grasslands — spanning millions of square kilometres of untouched wilderness, the very source of their survival.

To this day, bison remain an iconic symbol of the Prairies, of wild, free, untethered strength and thousands of years of cultural and spiritual evolution of Métis and First Nations plains people. They are truly a national treasure, as much a part of Canadian history and folklore as Arctic polar bears, B.C. orcas, central Canadian deer, elk and moose and Atlantic cod and halibut, except today bison are endangered.

By the year 1900, there were only a few hundred bison left and today, they number only in the thousands, their way of life eclipsed by overhunting and the expanding frontier that encroached on the very earth the herds needed to survive. Over time, the grasslands withered, thereby destabilizing plants, animals and the entire ecosystem — the bison could simply not survive. According to the World Wildlife Fund, "no other species on earth has declined so quickly. For the bison to survive, they needed freedom to roam."

Canada is playing a vital role in bringing bison back to the Prairies, working with North American conservationists to populate herds on both sides of the border and restore biodiversity — the very foundation of life — to one of the largest ecosystems on the planet.

Parks Canada is working to enhance bison habitat, improve bison viewing and visitor experiences in Elk Island and Prince Albert national parks and promote understanding of Parks Canada's role in bison conservation. In fact, Elk Island was scheduled to transfer a third group of bison to the American Prairie Reserve in Montana in March as an example of Canada's ongoing contribution to bison conservation.

Through these initiatives, Canadians can continue to enjoy viewing bison in several Canadian national parks and reap the environmental benefits of these magnificent "ecosystem engineers." Parks Canada has more information at pc.gc.ca/elkistland and pc.gc.ca/mtp/npr/alberta/elkistland/mtp/montana-bison.aspx.

10 FACTS ABOUT PLAINS BISON

1. Bison, or buffalo, are the largest land mammal in North America.

2. Bison bulls can often weigh 1,000 kilograms and reach a shoulder height of two metres, about half the size of a muskox.

3. Bison are fast, agile animals that can run up to 60 kilometres per hour and cover great distances in a short period of time, continuously eating as they roam. They have four stomachs and their thick, woolly coat has so much insulation from fat that snow can land on their back without melting.

4. Bison feed in open meadows and especially love the fresh new growth that comes up in recently burned areas. They can be seen foraging in still-smoldering meadows days after a fire has occurred.

5. Although bison have poor eyesight, they can detect motion at great distances, have excellent hearing and a keen sense of smell. Bison are grass-eating herbivores and are the natural food source of grizzly bears, wolves, foxes, eagles and owls. Their decomposing carcasses provide nutrient-rich soil microorganisms and plants.

6. Though bison once roamed across the North American Prairies in the tens of millions, European overhunting and expansion of the new frontier reduced their numbers to mere hundreds by 1900. Today bison barely exist as a wild species, except for a few herds that roam in protected areas of national parks in Alberta, Saskatchewan and northern states such as Montana and Wyoming.

8. Efforts are underway by Canadian and American conservation agencies working to complete the prairie ecosystem by returning bison to the landscape. The transfers are a homecoming of sorts as the plains bison originated in Montana before the Government of Canada bought the last herd in 1907 and brought them to Canada under conservation efforts at the time.

9. The translocation represents a significant international conservation effort that contributes to the continued survival and well-being of an animal that is the undisputed symbol of North America's vast interior plains and the cultural and spiritual evolution of First Nations people.

10. As of last month, Canada will have transferred 230 bison to Montana.

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The Government of Alberta is looking for individuals who live, work, play and have an interest in the North Saskatchewan region to become members of the Regional Advisory Council for the North Saskatchewan Regional Plan. Council members are appointed by Cabinet and will be led by a Chair who represents the Government of Alberta.

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Hello, yellow! Add a splash of colour

Yellow can add a pop of colour to your rooms

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Bring home sunshine this weekend by adding pops of sophisticated yellow into your favourite rooms.

The cold dark days of winter are behind us now and spring is finally here, so it's the weekend to brighten, lighten and revamp the house to feel more like spring.

Yellow is the perfect accent hue this time of year, but it can be daunting to use so here are a few tricks and tips professional designers use.

Firstly, yellow looks glamorous with black and white, sophisticated with neutrals, such as grey or taupe, and fun and whimsical with cobalt and fuchsia. It's a versatile hue that brings a smile to everyone's face when used properly in a room. Yellow is actually the easiest colour for the human eye to see so this hue will definitely be a welcoming splash of colour to your home.

Designers will mix and match a variety of yellow-inspired prints on a sofa, perhaps adding a little turquoise, lime or sea green, which feels right with yellow. They'll set a yellow tray down onto the coffee table and layer it with gorgeous coffee table books, a beautiful ceramic or glass piece and a vase filled with hydrangeas or tulips. Add a yellow photo frame to a nightstand, or a yellow ceramic vase or lacquered box to an end table.

We spread our love of yellow throughout the home with a bowl or glass canister of lemons (which we always use in our drinking water) on the kitchen

fill them with ferns, tall tropicals (palms) and white ponies. (A big trend this year from the Canada Blooms show is the use of ferns and tropicals on the patio in containers.)

Designers love to save money, so most of us are at our favourite greenhouses this week picking up bargain tropicals, as most garden centres will be clearing out their stock to make room for their summer and garden plants.

You need to add at least three pops of yellow to any one space to ensure that it looks like a fabulous accent rather than a colour accident. Changing your rooms for the seasons is just one of the ways we keep loving our homes and ensure our rooms' energy and style stay exciting and on trend!

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Your house may not have enough insulation in your walls or floors or cold to the touch or are damp in winter or you have uneven temperatures in different rooms within the house. High heating costs or mould growth may also indicate inadequate or ineffective insulation.

Insulation is a critical part of the building envelope system, which includes the roof, walls, windows, doors and foundation of your house.

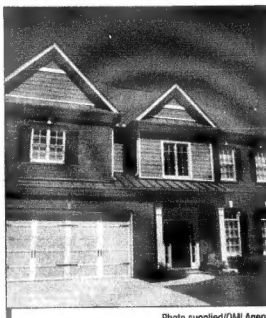


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Proper home insulation saves money, reduces the amount of energy you use and makes your home more comfortable.

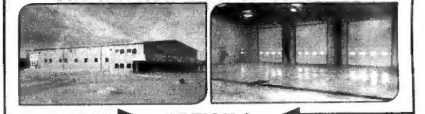
any moisture problems in the attic and ensure the attic is well-ventilated. It's also a good idea to seal any cracks or holes between your house and the attic — including attic hatches, wiring, plumbing and ducts — to help prevent heat loss and possible moisture problems in the attic.

Just be sure that any newly added insulation does not prevent air movement between the soffit areas at the edge of the roof and the attic. Insulation baffles can be installed to ensure a ventilation channel exists between the newly added insulation and the underside of the roof sheathing along the eaves.

Basement walls are unique because they may experience significant flows of moisture from both inside and outside the house. Basement walls can be insulated from the outside or the inside. There are advantages and disadvantages to both options. The preferred method is to insulate the wall on the outside with rigid insulation suitable for below-grade installations such as extruded polystyrene or rigid fiberglass.

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